**Communication and Collaboration Committee Meeting**

August 9, 2024

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Action Items:

* Mx. Dindzans will send information about the park development planning group to Ms. Hess, who will share the information with local SILC members.
* Ms. Hess will connect the Committee Leadership before the full SILC meeting.
* Ms. Viramontes-Nhan will share information on the disability legislative caucus with SILC members at the next C and C meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

Lisa Hayes - C and C Chair/Executive Director, Rolling Start Inc.

Roque Alas Bucton – SILC Member/C and C Member

Mei Mei Chun-Moy – SILC Member/C and C Member

Rian Dindzans – SILC Member/C and C Member

Jem Moore – Statewide Youth Organizer, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)

Allison Viramontes-Nhan – SILC Legislative Specialist

Danielle Hess – SILC Office Manager

1. Public Comment
2. SILC Member Updates

Mx. Dindzans attended a disability pride event at the Ed Roberts campus and learned about a new park being developed in Berkeley. The developers are looking for a diverse group of people to be part of the planning group, including people with disabilities. They will send information about this to Ms. Hess, who will share it with local SILC members.

1. Approval of the Draft Minutes from July 12, 2024, Communication and Collaboration Committee Meeting

Mr. Alas Bucton motioned for approval of the Draft Minutes from July 12, 2024, and Mx. Dindzans seconded the motion. This passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

1. Officer Election

Committee members were asked if they had any interest in serving as the Communication and Collaborations (C and C) Chair, as the current Chair, Lisa Hayes, is ending her term on the SILC. There was discussion about whether the C and C Vice-Chair, Anisa Escobedo, would be interested in the position, but she was not present and could not be nominated without her approval. Ms. Hess clarified that if someone else is elected but Ms. Escobedo does have an interest in the position, the committee could choose to hold elections at any time as long as it is noticed on the agenda.

With this clarification, Mr. Alas Bucton nominated himself for the chair position, and Ms. Chun-Moy seconded the nomination. This passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

1. Legislation Update
   1. Legislative Items for Review and Approval

Ms. Viramontes-Nhan reviewed the legislative calendar for the remainder of the session. The last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills is August 16, the last day to amend bills on the floor is August 23, and the last day for each house to pass bills is August 31. The Governor must sign or veto bills by September 30.

* + 1. For Consideration Bills

There were no bills for consideration at this time.

* + 1. Watchlist Bills

Ms. Viramontes-Nhan gave updates on the following state bills:

* [AB 2541](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2541) (Bains) Peace officer training: wandering. Amended.
* [AB 846](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB846) (Bonta) Low-income housing credit: rent increases. Placed on Senate appropriations suspense file.
* [AB 1885](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1885) (Addis) Student Success Completion Grant program. Placed on Senate appropriations suspense file.
* [AB 2821](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2821) (Grayson) Postsecondary education: students with disabilities. Placed on Senate appropriations suspense file.
* [AB 2173](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2173) (Addis) Special education: emotional disability. Signed by Governor and Chaptered.

There were no updates on Federal Legislation.

* 1. Legislative Items for Consideration from SILC Members

There were no legislative items brought forward for consideration by SILC members.

* 1. Current Events and Updates

Ms. Viramontes-Nhan has reached out for more information on the disability legislative caucus, the staff was out of the office on summer recess, but she hopes to hear back from the senior legislative aid soon. She will follow up before the next meeting. Mr. Alas Bucton brought up Proposition 36 and asked if the SILC was tracking it. Staff stated, and Ms. Hayes confirmed, that the SILC has not tracked propositions in the past.

1. Advocacy and Collaborations – Request from Members or Partner Organizations
   1. YO! Disabled and Proud Updates

Mx. Moore recently returned from National Conference on Independent Living in Washington, D.C. and their upcoming activities include working with school districts to share information about voting accessibility, leadership training in San Bernardino, and the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) Conference in October.

* 1. Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF) Updates

Ms. Hess shared that the program was completed, and after a break, the planning group will meet again in September to review lessons learned and start planning for the 2025 program. Delegates seemed to get a lot of valuable information and experience out of YLF. Mr. Alas Bucton asked if Ms. Hess had any highlights and she shared about the Capitol Day, where delegates got to visit the state Capitol and hear from speakers who are involved in several different facets of the legislative process.

* 1. National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Updates

Ms. Hayes shared about the National Conference on Independent Living and thanked Mx. Moore for their help during the rally and the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) staff for all their work and flexibility in making everything happen. There was a worldwide outage of systems that affected many airlines, a large protest in Washington D.C. on the day the march would typically be scheduled, and an announcement that President Biden was dropping out of the Presidential race, all of which impacted the conference. Many activities were moved or postponed, and attendees marched in the pouring rain on an alternate day.

1. Summary of Activities Requiring Follow-Up at Next Meeting
   1. Next Meeting October 11, 2024 (September Communication and Collaboration Committee Meeting Canceled in Favor of the SILC September Council Meeting)
2. Adjourn